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SUBJECT: REPORTED OVERHAUL OF FORMER US AIRCRAFT PARTS

(A) STATE 208512, NOTAL, (B) DIADIN 238-1A 261857Z AUG 77)
(C) USDLO HONG KONG IR 6 842 0605 77 OF AUG 10,
(D) USDLO HONG KONG IR 6 842 0463 77 OF JUNE 23,
(E) 76 HONG KONG 2830, (F) LAHIGUERA EA/VLC LTR OF
FEBRUARY 22.

1. CONGEN AND USDLO OFFICERS HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT
WITH MANAGEMENT OF HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING
CORPORATION (HAECO) FOR SOME TIME OVER QUESTION OF
OVERHAUL OF VIETNAMESE-OWNED ENGINES (REFTELS (C) THROUGH
(E)). USDLO REPORTS (C) AND (D) WHICH DETAILED
HAECO CONTRACT WITH SRV ON ENGINE MAINTENANCE IS BASIS
FOR DIA REPORT (REF (B))). TITLE OF DIA REPORT IS,
HOWEVER, MISLEADING IN THAT HAECO PERFORMS MAINTENANCE
ON VIETNAMESE ENGINES AND AIRCRAFT PARTS BROUGHT IN
BY SHIP BUT NOT ON VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE NO
VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT IN HONG KONG FOR MAINTENANCE NOR ARE ANY
EXPECTED.

2. HAECO MANAGEMENT HAS ASSURED CONGEN AND USDLO
OFFICERS THAT THEY WILL NOT USE ANY AIRCRAFT PARTS

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ACQUIRED FROM US FIRMS OR THEIR SUBSIDIARIES IN MAINTAINING
VIETNAMESE ENGINES. US PARTS PURCHASED PRIOR TO THE
IMPOSITION OF THE EMBARGO ARE INCLUDED IN THIS BAN.
HAECO BELIEVES IT CAN MET ITS PARTS REQUIREMENTS BY
USING ENGINES OR PARTS FROM ENGINES PURCHASED IN OTHER
COUNTRIES, I.E., FRANCE AND AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: CONGEN DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN ANY CONTRAVENTION OF US TRADE EMBARGO BY AMERICAN SUPPLIERS OF HAECO. DIRECTOR OF HAECO HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT HE WILL ABANDON ANY ACTIVITIY WHICH USG FEELS IS IN VIOLATION OF AMERICAN LAW AND HAS POSED SOME QUESTIONS ON THE EMBARGO CONTAINED IN REF (F)). HE IS, OF COURSE, INTERESTED IN DOING ANY BUSINESS HE LEGALLY CAN AND HAECO'S CONNECTION WITH CAHTAY PACIFIC IS ALSO OF CONCERN SINCE CATHAY DESIRED OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS IN VIETNAM. HAECO HAS SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE WITH US LAW AND ALSO TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE USG. WE CONCUR WITH ONE SENIOR HAECO MANAGER WHO COMMENTED THAT IF HAECO DES NOT DO THE MAINTENANCE ON THE VIETNAMESE-OWNED AIRCRAFT ENGINES, SOMEONE LESS COOPERATIVE WITH THE USG WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO DO THE WORK. CROSS

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